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FOR: ***METHODS FOR IMPARTING DESIRABLE PHENOTYPIC TRAITS
INCLUDING DROUGHT, FREEZE AND HIGH SALT TOLERANCE
AND METHODS FOR INCREASING SEED PRODUCTION***

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office communication dated June 9, 2004 requiring a response to the non-compliant amendment filed March 24, 2004.

The deadline for providing a correction/omission is July 9, 2004 unless extended under 37 CFR 1,136(a).

It is believed that this response is timely filed; however, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Edwards & Angell Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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